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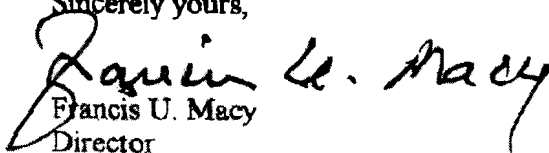
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I [The Center for Safe Energy strongly urges retention of nuclear waste in interim monitored storage facilities at the point of origin. These are mainly nuclear power plants (NPP) that have the containment facilities, monitoring capabilities and technical personnel to contain radioactivity from the biosphere for the next hundred years.

The Yucca Mountain permanent disposal plan was selected more for political reasons than for its technical qualifications. The plan should be dropped for five main reasons: (1) research has shown that water has moved through the site and therefore it can be predicted that water will in the next 100 years carry radioactivity into surrounding surface and ground water systems; (2) the risks to the health of 50 million humans in 43 states and ecosystems of transporting large quantities of irradiated fuel rods and other radioactive materials from NPPs are unacceptably high; (3) Yucca Mountain does not "solve" the radioactive waste problem because it could not contain all the irradiated fuel rods from the closed and operating NPP; (4) roads and railways are less secure than NPP against terrorist attacks; and (5) the disposal plan violates treaties with native tribes.)

We request that this document be included with the public comments at the hearings of the EIS Office.

Sincerely yours,


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